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UM STUDENTS PLACE IN HEARST JOURNALISM COMPETITION

MISSOULA, Mont. —

Two University of Montana students were recognized for their feature-writing prowess during the first round of the 41st annual William Randolph Hearst Foundation's Journalism Awards Program.

Nate Schweber of **Missoula**, a senior in journalism, captured seventh place in the national competition, earning a \$500 scholarship.

Jason Begay of **Gallup, N.M.**, another journalism senior, won 13th place and will receive a certificate of merit.

More than 100 students from 60 universities and colleges participated in the first round of the Hearst Journalism Awards Program, which is funded and administered by the William Randolph Hearst Foundation. The program is conducted at accredited schools that are members of the Association of Schools of Journalism and Mass Communication.

The competition consists of six monthly writing contests, three photojournalism competitions and four broadcast news contests, with a championship finals in all divisions. Participating schools earn points for their winning student writers in the Intercollegiate Writing Competition, and UM currently is ranked third in the nation.

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